

What is Claimed Is:

1. The method of providing a simulated interactive conversation comprising the steps of:

5 a. storing in a database searchable information in the form of text and/or oral recorded statements;

b. providing in the database stored images of selected individuals or animated characters.

10 c. using questions provided through a user interface to search the database for an appropriate response and providing the response to the user.

15 2. The method as defined in Claim 1 wherein the step of providing the response comprises providing the response orally with lip sincing of said image.

20 3. A software program for carrying out the methods of Claims 1 and 2.

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